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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Gunther O. Hanke on 09/29/2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Specification, on page 2, before This patent application -- This patent application is divisional of U.S. patent application 09/797,444 now U.S. Patent No. 6,626,945-- inserted therefor.

In the Specification, on page 2, after March 14, 200, --, now U.S. Patent No. 6,632,246-- inserted therefor.

In claim 17, line 3, after wherein in upper surface –bridges said anchoring elements and – inserted therefor.

In claim 18, line 2, "protrusion" has been deleted and --protrusions-- inserted therefor.

In claim 18, line 2, after from there below, --each of-- inserted therefor.

In claim 18, line 2, "element" has been deleted and --elements-- inserted therefor.

In claim 18, line 3, after there for receiving —one of—inserted therefor.

In claim 18, line 3, "protrusion" has been deleted and --protrusions-- inserted therefor.

In claim 18, line 3, after and -each of-- inserted therefor.

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In claim 18, line 4, "protrusion" has been deleted and --protrusions-- inserted therefor.

In claim 19, line 1, after wherein -each of-- inserted therefor.

In claim 19, line 2, "are" has been deleted and --is-- inserted therefor.

In claim 20, line 1, after wherein -each of-- inserted therefor.

In claim 20, line 2, "element" has been deleted and —elements-- inserted therefor.

In claim 20, line 2, "has" has been deleted.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hieu Phan whose telephone number is 703-308-8969. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Corrine M McDermott can be reached on 703-308-2111. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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